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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AKB, BQG, PGOV
SUBJECT: FRG INQUIRES ABOUT US PROTEST TO SOVIETS
ABOUT GDR INCURSION IN WEST BERLIN

REFS: (A) USBER 500
(B) USBER 586
(C) USBER 215 AND PREVIOUS
(D) BONN 3890

1. AT THE MARCH 30 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FRG REP
(VON RICHTHOFEN) NOTED THREE RECENT US REPORTS TO THE
BONN GROUP OF WHAT HE TERMED INCURSIONS INTO THE US
SECTOR. HE ASKED WHETHER, IN VIEW OF THE SPATE OF SUCH
INCIDENTS, THE US MIGHT CONSIDER PROTESTING AT A HIGHER
LEVEL THAN HAD BEEN DONE AND SUGGESTED THE POLAD LEVEL IN
BERLIN.

2. THE US REP NOTED THAT THERE WERE ONLY TWO INCURSIONS,
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SINCE ON MARCH 3 THE EAST GERMANS DID NOT ENTER THE US
SECTOR (REF A). (COMMENT: FOR USBER: REF B DOES REFER TO THIS
INCIDENT AS AN INCURSION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
CLARIFICATION. END COMMENT) HE NOTED THAT OF THE
TWO INCURSIONS WHICH IN FACT OCCURED (REFS B & C), THE
US POLAD PROTESTED THE JANUARY 18 INCURSION ON
JANUARY 20 AND THE US PROTOCOL OFFICER PROTESTED THE

MARCH 8 INCURSION ON MARCH 10. THE US REP SAID THERE
THUS APPEARED TO BE NO NEED TO RAISE THE SUBJECT AGAIN
WITH THE SOVIETS AT THIS POINT ALTHOUGH THERE MIGHT BE
SOME UTILITY IN PROTESTING THE NEXT ONE (SHOULD IT
OCCUR IN THE NEAR FUTURE) AT THE POLAD LEVEL AND
MENTIONING THE PRIOR ONES AT THE SAME TIME.

3. VON RICHTHOFEN SUGGESTED THAT THE US AMBASSADOR
MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER RAISING THEM IN HIS NEXT MEETING
WITH ABRASIMOV IF THE LATTER LAUNCHES INTO A SERIES
OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT FRG ACTIVITIES. THE US REP AGREED
TO TAKE THE SUGGESTION UNDER ADVISEMENT.

4. COMMENT: THE FRG REQUEST THAT WE TAKE THE OPPORTUN-
ITY TO PROTEST TO THE SOVIETS IS CONSISTENT WITH
RECENT FRG REQUESTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED ALLIED REPLY
TO RECENT SOVIET PROTESTS ABOUT A VARIETY OF FRG
ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN (REF D). IN THE PARTICULAR CASE
OF GDR INCURSIONS INTO THE US SECTOR, THE FRG REQUEST
MAY HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY THE PRESS INTEREST IN BERLIN
(REF C) AND BY A QUESTION BY AN OPPOSITION MEMBER IN
THE BUNDESTAG ON FEBRUARY 14 (COPY POUCHED TO USBER
AND EUR/CE ON FEBRUARY 21). WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER,
THE FRG REPLIED TO THE QUESTION THAT THIS WAS AN ALLIED
MATTER AND THAT IT WAS SATISFIED THAT THE ALLIES HAD
TAKEN THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PROTECT THEIR
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